

21 October 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

1. As you know, I have established a small staff of very senior people to assist me in my role as Director of Central Intelligence (as distinct from being the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency) in evaluating the programs of the entire intelligence community.

2. In view of the responsibilities and authorities vested in this staff and in view of the need for highly qualified senior people, the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army have acceded to my request to assign [redacted]

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3. I request that you approve the position to which [redacted] will be assigned as that of a Lieutenant General. Upon your approval, I will take the necessary action with Secretary McNamara to arrange the nomination of [redacted] to Lieutenant General and his assignment to my staff.

**John A. McCone**  
**Director**

Letter not signed. Discussed orally by DCI with Mr. McNamara and the President. Other arrangements made for military man to come on Mr. Bross' staff.

Per MSC on 16 Nov 63

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